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2. [redacted] eight Soviet minesweepers were sighted about 25 nautical miles southwest of Helsinki; they were proceeding at a speed of about 12 to 15 knots, first on a southeasterly course and later on a reversed course. [redacted] they were former German M 40-type minesweepers. 25X1

3. [redacted] in good visibility and sunshine, a single cruising destroyer [redacted] was seen on a southwesterly course, south of Jussaroe lighthouse. It had two stacks; the forward stack was much larger and broader than the after stack. 25X1

4. [redacted] a warship, steaming at between 28 and 32 knots, was sighted on a west-southwesterly course, south of Porkkala in position N 59-47, E 24-15. [redacted] The stack was larger and broader than the bridge. [redacted], Soviet auxiliary vessel [redacted] entered Porkkala harbor. [redacted] minesweepers [redacted] were engaged in maneuvers, but they did not have sweeping equipment out. No flag signals were observed. [redacted] they were still receiving training. A small warship [redacted] not far from the minesweepers did not participate in their exercises. 1. 25X1

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5. [redacted] a single Soviet cruiser was sighted moving on an easterly course in position N 59-35, E 24-00. It had a foredeck slightly sloping up to midships, two guns on the foredeck and two on the fantail, a bridge with a conning tower and a short mast aft of the bridge, two stacks of equal height, a second mast with a whip-shaped topmast forward of the second stack, and a very long fantail. 25X1

1. [redacted] Comment: The Finnish newspaper Huvfdst-Bladet No 166, dated 23 June 1953, reported that Soviet warship [redacted] stopped a Finnish motorboat outside Soviet territorial waters and tried unsuccessfully to bring her into Porkkala. 25X1
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